

Sunderland City Council

At an EXTRAORDINARY meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 24th JULY, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor R Heron) in the Chair

Councillors	Atkinson	Francis	Porthouse	Trueman, D.
	Ball	Gibson, E	Price	Trueman, H.
	Bell	Gibson, P	Richardson	Tye
	Blackburn	Gofton	Scaplehorn	Wakefield
	Bonallie	Howe	Scott	Walker
	Curran	Jackson	Smiles	Waller
	Davison	Kay	Smith, P.	Watson, P
	Dixon	Kelly	Snowdon, D	Watson, S
	Emerson	Lauchlan	Snowdon, DE	Williams
	Errington	McClennan	Speding	Wilson, A.
	Essl	MacKnight	Stewart	Wilson, D.
	Farthing	Marshall	Tate	Wiper
	Fletcher	Miller, F	Taylor	Wood
	Forbes	Miller, G	Thompson	Wright, T
	Foster	Oliver		

The notice convening the meeting was read.

Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared interests as follows and left the meeting during consideration of the item: -

Item 4 (1) – Report of the Cabinet – Creation of a Combined Authority	Councillor Curran	Vice Chair of Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority
	Councillor Errington	Member of Integrated Transport Authority
	Councillor F. Miller	Member of Integrated Transport Authority
	Councillor G. Miller	Member of Integrated Transport Authority
	Councillor P Wood	Member of Integrated Transport Authority

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Allan, Anderson, Atkinson, Copeland, Ellis, Farr, Lawson, L. Martin, Mordey, Padgett, Scanlan, Shattock, D. Smith, Turton and N.Wright

Report of the Cabinet

The Cabinet reported and recommended as follows:-

1. Creation of a Combined Authority

That they had given consideration to a report of the Chief Executive (copy attached) on the outcome of the extensive area-wide review of governance arrangements undertaken in relation to local authority functions concerning economic growth, skills and transportation across the seven North East Local Authority areas comprising: Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland and the proposed submission to Government of a request to establish a Combined Authority covering the area of the seven local authorities.

Accordingly the Cabinet, having agreed the recommendations in the report, recommended the Council to endorse its decisions upon those recommendations.

2. Capital Programme Outturn 2012/2013 and First Capital Review 2013/2014 (Including Treasury Management)

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on an aspect of the report on the Capital Programme Outturn 2012/2013 and First Review 2013/2014 (including Treasury Management), namely requesting the Council to approve the variations to the capital programme for both years to include additional schemes with an estimated cost in excess of £250,000.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommended the Council to approve the proposed variation to the Capital Programme for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 to include additional schemes with an estimated cost in excess of £250,000 as set out in the attached extract.

They also referred the report to the Scrutiny Committee for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee supported the Cabinet recommendation to recommend the Council to approve the proposed variations to the Capital Programme for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 to include the additional schemes.

3. Revenue Budget Outturn for 2012/2013 and First Revenue Review 2013/2014

That they had given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services on the Revenue Budget Outturn for 2012/2013 and First Revenue Review 2013/2014 namely requesting the Council to approve the transfer of funds.

In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework certain transfers require Council approval. An attached extract set out the relevant extract from the Cabinet report, which referred to the transfer of £6.031m underspending on the budget in 2012/2013 to the Strategic Investment Reserve to support one off transitional costs arising from the implementation of budget savings proposals in 2013/2014 and future years.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommended the Council to approve the budget transfers for the first quarter of 2013/2014 as set above and in the attached extract.

They also referred the extract of the budget transfers to the Scrutiny Committee, for advice and consideration. The Scrutiny Committee supported the Cabinet recommendation to recommend the Council to approve the transfer of the £6.031 million underspend as proposed.

4. Establishment of People Directorate: Transfer of Delegated Council Functions and Update to the Constitution

The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 17 July 2013, gave consideration to a report of the Head of Law and Governance regarding a reference from the Human Resources Committee. The report concerned changes to the senior management structure, including the creation of a People Directorate, to be implemented immediately following the retirement of the Executive Directorate of Children's Services on 31 July 2013.

The report recommended Council to agree to the transfer of delegated Council functions from the Executive Directors of Children's Services and Health, Housing and Adult Services to the Executive Director of People Services, upon implementation of the new structure and to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to amend the constitution accordingly to reflect the new arrangements.

The Leader of the Council, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader of the Council, moved the report of the Cabinet.

Upon the report of the Cabinet being put to the meeting, it was: -

18. RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted.

Appointments – Quality Training and Development Community Interest Company, Local Authority Trading Company Regarding Care and Support and Corporate Parenting Board

The Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services submitted a report (copy attached) for Council to consider appointments to the Quality Training and Development Community Interest Company, a new Local Authority Trading Company in respect of care and support provision and the Corporate Parenting Board.

Accordingly it was

19. RESOLVED to:-

- (i) appoint Councillor Gofton as Director to the Board of the Quality Training and Development (or QTD) Community Interest Company, and
- (ii) appoint Councillors A.Wilson, Fletcher and Lawson as directors to the Board of the Local Authority Trading Company (and its subsidiary), and
- (iii) appoint Councillor D. MacKnight in place of Councillor S. Foster on the Corporate Parenting Board.

(Signed) R. Heron,
Mayor